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SUBJECT: ANDREAS PAPANDREOU'S PRESS OFFICE ISSUES BACK-TRACKING  
STATEMENT

1. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 1 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT  
ISSUED BY ANDREAS PAPANDREOU'S ROME PRESS OFFICE: QTE WHATEVER  
HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE ATHENS DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN THE FORM  
OF INTERVIEWS AND/OR STATEMENTS BY MR. PAPANDREOU REGARDING THE  
FOUNDATION OF A POLITICAL PARTY, PROGRAMMING, ETC., AS WELL AS  
REFERENCES TO DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GROUPINGS, DO NOT  
CORRESPOND TO THE TRUTH UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHICH STATEMENTS THE ROME PRESS  
OFFICE IS ASSAILING BUT IT MIGHT BE AIMED AT A RECENT INTERVIEW  
GIVEN BY GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY (KKE-INTERIOR) SECRETARY  
HARALAMBOS DRAKOPOULOS (ATHENS-5204) WHICH ALLEGED THE FORMATION  
OF A COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE "FORCES OF THE LEFT" TO  
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PREPARE A JOINT STATEMENT ON THE PROBLEMS OF GREECE. IN THAT

INTERVIEW, DRAKOPOULOS ALLEGED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE ROME PRESS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO DISAVOW WHOLLY OR IN PART AN ALLEGED INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PAPANDREOU TO THE DANISH NEWSPAPER POLITIKEN (ATHENS 5209) IN WHICH HE ASSERTED HE WAS PREPARED TO TURN HIS PAN-HELLENIC LIBERATION MOVEMENT (PAK) INTO A LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTY - ONE WHICH WOULD "GO FURTHER THAN SCANDINAVIA'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES." IF THE ABOVE INTERVIEWS WERE IN FACT THE TARGETS OF THE ROME PRESS OFFICE STATEMENT, PERHAPS IT INDICATES THAT PAPANDREOU DOES NOT WISH TO BE TIED TOO CLOSELY TO ANY ONE FACTION AT THIS TIME (I.E. DRAKOPOULOS AND THE KKE INTERIOR PARTY) NOR DOES HE WISH TO ALIENATE HIS POSSIBLE FUTURE FOLLOWERS FROM CENTRIST GROUPINGS WHO MIGHT RESIST ASSOCIATION WITH A LEADER ESPOUSING A POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY ALIEN TO GREECE'S TRADITIONS, I.E. ONE FURTHER LEFT THAN SCANDINAVIA'S DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST MODELS.

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